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SUBJECT: ALBANIAN DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ALBANIAN AFFAIRS HAS SHARED WITH US THE CONTENTS OF A RECENT CABLE ON ALBANIAN DEVELOPMENTS FROM AMBASSADOR RENATO FERRARA IN TIRANA. FERRARA BELIEVES THE LEADERSHIP PROBLEMS OF LAST YEAR ARE RESOLVED BUT HE SEES SIGNS OF TENSION AND INSTABILITY REMAINING WITHIN THE PARTY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE GENERAL THRUST OF AMBASSADOR FERRARA'S MESSAGE FROM TIRANA IS THAT THE CRISIS WHICH DEVELOPED WITHIN THE ALBANIAN LEADERSHIP HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED WITH THE PARTY (READ HOXHA) HAVING FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ITS CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE SECURITY SERVICE FALLS WITHIN THE DOMAIN OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR KADRI HASBIE, A RELATIVE OF PREMIER SHEHU, FERRARA CONCLUDES THAT THE HOXHA LEADERSHIP AT THE PRESENT TIME HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE MEANS OF POWER IN ALBANIA.

2. REVIEWING EVENTS OF RECENT MONTHS, FERRARA BELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THAT A CLASH OCCURRED WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE. HE DESCRIBES IT AS A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN PARTISANS ADVOCATING A "HARD-LINE" FOREIGN POLICY AND THOSE ADVOCATING A MORE "MODERATE" FOREIGN POLICY, CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH THE FORMER WINNING OUT. AMONG THE VICTIMS OF THE STRUGGLE,

IN ADDITION TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE BALLUKU ARE THE FOLLOWING:  
DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE PETRIT DUME, TWO UNIDENTIFIED  
VICE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF STAFF MERCOLLARI.  
FERRARA ALSO REPORTS THE CONTINUING ABSENCE FROM THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY OF SKENDER KONICA AND THE REMOVAL FROM HIS  
POSITION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ALBIMPORT, THE STATE IMPORTING  
AGENCY. (RECENT ISSUES OF ZERI I POPULLIT HAVE IDENTIFIED  
TWO NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS OF DEFENSE VELI LLAKAJ AND LLAMBI  
GEPRIFTI).

3. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION,  
AMBASSADOR FERRARA FOUND EXCEEDINGLY INTERESTING AN ARTICLE  
IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PUBLICATION  
"THE WAY OF THE PARTY" (TITLE TRANSLATED FROM ITALIAN). THE  
ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY POLITBURO MEMBER AND PARTY SECRETARY  
HYSNI KAPO. AS DESCRIBED IN THE CABLE FROM TIRANA, THE  
CENTRAL THEME OF KAPO'S ARTICLE IS THAT ANY RELAXATION IN  
THE STRUGGLE TO STRENGTHEN THE LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY  
CAN LEAD TO DANGERS, A FACT WHICH IS KNOWN TO ENEMIES BOTH  
WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. KAPO ARGUES THAT THE PARTY  
MUST REMAIN VIGILANT TO THE POSSIBLE DANGERS FROM "WORN AND  
EXPROPRIATED ENEMIES, FROM THOSE WHO WILL DEGENERATE TO  
CLASS ENEMIES, FROM REMNANTS OF THE PAST AND FROM REMNANTS  
OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE." FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S VANTAGE POINT,  
THE ARTICLE REFLECTS THE STATE OF TENSION AND INSTABILITY  
CHARACTERIZING THE PRESENT STATE OF INTERNAL PARTY LIFE,  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESOLUTION OF THE LEADERSHIP CRISIS  
WHICH ERUPTED LAST YEAR. BEAUDRY

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